

## Questions about the Juror Questionnaire?

Every four years, this United States District Court, is required under law to update and refresh the list it uses to select qualified jurors for cases before the court. If you have received a questionnaire, it is your responsibility to truthfully answer the questions and return it promptly to the Court.

***This questionnaire is not a summons for you to appear for jury service at this time.***

Here are some routine questions and appropriate answers.

1. I am over 70 years old, do I need to complete the questionnaire?

**Answer: Everyone no matter their age must complete the questionnaire. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire, please have someone assist you. As a general rule, people who are over 70 may be excused after they have submitted a letter to the Judge stating their age and that they do not wish to serve.**

2. I received a questionnaire and I do not live in the city of (Augusta, Brunswick, Dublin, Savannah, Waycross or Statesboro) why am I being asked to complete this questionnaire?

**Answer: The Southern District of Georgia consists of the 43 southern counties of Georgia. For purposes of grouping the district is divided into divisions. Each division consists of multiple counties. If you received a summons or questionnaire, our records indicated that you live in the district. Please indicate which county you live and return it promptly to the Court.**

3. I am currently a full-time student/living at home, am I exempt from the questionnaire or jury service?

**Answer: Full-time students should inform the court of their status, they must complete all the forms but generally will be deferred to another more convenient date.**

4. I was excused by my doctor before. "He" said I am permanently excused. Now I am getting another jury questionnaire when I was told that I was excused. Why can't you people get it right down there. If I am excused once I am permanently excused? Right?

**Answer: Question 8 asks about your physical and mental disabilities. Only the judge can excuse jurors. If you received a questionnaire after you have been excused in the past, please send in the questionnaire and indicate your disability status in the remarks section on the form.**

5. My religion does not allow me to judge people. Am I excused

from serving?

**Answer: The questionnaire simply allows the court to determine your qualifications. If you called after you have been qualified you will be able to submit a letter to the Judge explaining your religious beliefs. It will be up to the Judge whether you are excused or not.**

6. I was convicted of a crime many years ago. I do not know whether my civil rights have been restored or not.

**Answer: If you are unsure as to your status, leave the answer blank and write that you are unsure as to your civil rights status in the remarks section.**

7. What if I have served in the last two years?

**Answer: Please complete the form and return it promptly. Service within the last two years will allow you to be deferred to a later date.**

8. What will happen if I just don't complete the questionnaire?

**Answer: First, you will be sent a letter reminding you to complete and return the questionnaire. Your second notice will be a summons to appear in court to explain why you did not complete the form. If you fail to show up for Court, the Court may issue an arrest warrant to have you brought before the Court. Fines and imprisonment can be ordered for failure to complete the form.**